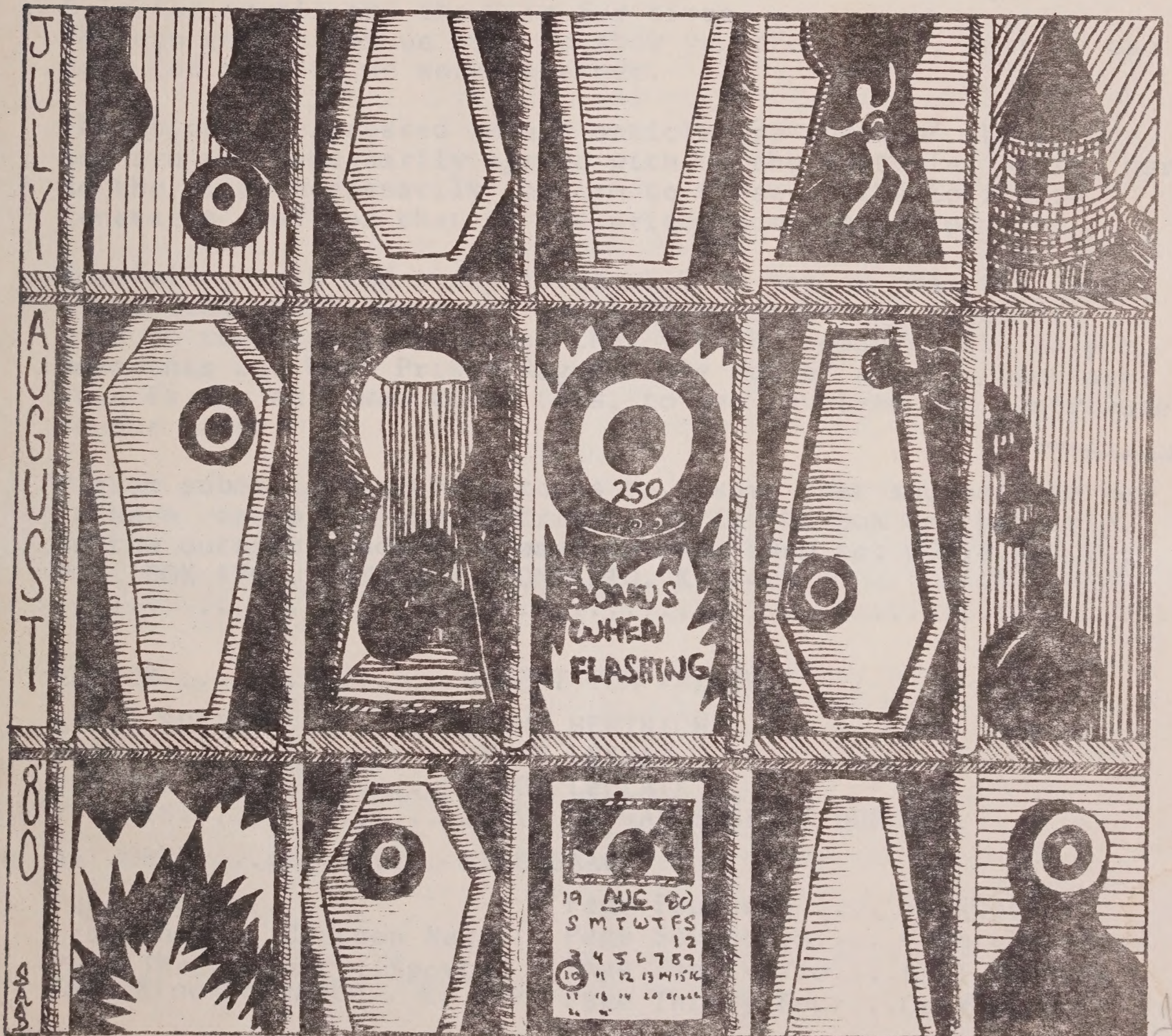


Collins Bay,

Con. I.A.C.T.





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This paper is put out by the con's of Collins Bay, for the con's of Collins Bay. There have been a lot of papers come out of here over the years, and we hope that this paper helps the men on the inside and also helps the people on the outside understand just how we feel. The name of the paper is CON.T.A.C.T., and it not only means what the name implies, but means much more to us. CON. , is for convict; T is for together; A is for against; C is for cruel; and the T is for times. Through this paper we hope to show you the reader, that we can do a lot more if we work together.

The opinions expressed in any article are those of the author and are not necessarily agreed with by the Editorial Staff, nor do the views necessarily conform to those of the Solicitor General's staff of that of the prison administration.

Hopefully, each and every issue will be better than the last, as we (the staff) were all employed in different lines of work on the street. We trust that you the readers will help to make this the best Prison Rag to come out of any Penitentiary. This is the only way to do this, to get involved and contribute to our cause.

Please submit any article to us to ensure that success. The men in here can place any contributions in the box on the strip. To the outside readers, please forward them to: CON.T.A.C.T., P.O. BOX 190 , KINGSTON , ONTARIO. K7L-4V9

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COLLINS BAY POWER LIFTING COMPETITION.

On the weekend of August 2nd-4th, the joint held the first annual Power Lifting Competition, and the event was very successful.

The amount of weight that some of these guys were able to lift really staggers the imagination.

It's about time that these guys got some recognition of the nights of hard sweat that they put into this sport.

It's nothing to spend 2-3 hours, EVERY NIGHT, at their training and I say again, it's about time they got what they deserved...Recognition.

The winners were:

Feather-Weight.....	Rick Comartin.....	659.5 lbs
Light-Weight.....	Larry Colbeck.....	943.0 lbs
Middle-Weight.....	Frank Farouse.....	1056. lbs
Light-Heavy.....	Sinwalski.....	1225. lbs
Mid-Heavy.....	Amey.....	1142.5lbs
Heavyweight.....	Godin.....	1201.5lbs

Congratulations go out to both the winners and all of the guys who also lifted in the competition.

A special thank you to Bernie Agawa & Frank Farouse for organizing the event and also to Red, Mike, Tommy and Keith for acting as the judges for the competition. Without the work that these guys put into this thing we would simply not have events of this nature taking place.

Well done fella's, Very well done.

Steve Lesway

This past Sunday, was Prison Justice Day and the vast majority of the cons here at the "Bay" took part in what is truly the most important day of the year.

It was great to see the solidarity shown by the cons here, and wouldn't it be great if at some date in the future, the need for this day was no longer in existence?

According to the Toronto Sun, Collins Bay and the Prison for Women were the ONLY penitentiaries in the region that were 100% behind the day.

Granted most of the other pens had a large amount of support, for this most worthy cause, but you guys here at C.B.I., were 100%, so give yourselves a pat on the back.

CANTEEN CORNER

In case there's still a few guys that don't know the hours well here they are for you. Monday ,Tuesday and Friday , we are open from 6:30 until the yard is called. On Thursday, we're open from 2:30 to 4:00 and from 6:30 until the yard is called. On weekends and holidays we're open from 2:30 - 4:00 and from 7:00 - 8:00. Of course these hours will change when fall & winter scheduale comes into effect. By the way , these are plenty of hours for us to be open to serve you, and believe it or not we work pretty hard providing a service for you guys, so we would appreciate it if you guys come to the canteen, ONLY when we're open!!!!!!

On the Thursday pay night, DON'T come to the window twice. You won't be served. I think that it's only fair to the staff, bookeeper and the rest of the guys waiting to be served that you observed this rule, after all , it's the only day that we ask you not to come twice. It helps speed things along and it makes it easier for the guy serving you.

On other days when you do come twice, please remember the amount that you have spent and tell the canteen operator that you have been there before that day and also the amount that you have spent that day. This helps make the job easier for the guy serving you and helps speed things along.

Use your order slip for 4 or more items. It makes it much better for the canteen staff and also there is much less chance of any mistakes.

When you come to the canteen window, state your number LOUD & CLEAR, and if you wish pop or chocolate bars please tell us what kind and how many.....We can't read your mind.

Well now that I've given yas all the rules,as few as they are... the committee is currently trying to get approval to get an ice cream cooler (which is almost a shoe-in) and it looks like you'll be able to get some decent ice cream , popsicles and yogurt!!!!!!! So don't forget to keep your eyes on the Committee Board for the latest happenings.

See 'ya at the Window
Serge

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CON.T.A.C.T. SPORTS.....Steve Lesway.

As most of you know the, the umpires of the joint have taken a Strike position in order to back up the demands that they have submitted to the Recreation Staff of the prison.

We are all sorry that it has come to this, but there is simply no other way that we can handle this situation.

We are On Strike for:

1. Full payment of all monies owed to the umpires from the start of the season

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2. A payment of \$10.00 to the Chief Umpire every two weeks.
3. A raise in the pay rates to \$2.50 per game worked. This is par with the other institutions in the region.
4. We will not return to the 'feild' until these demands have been met, maybe it's time a few guys stood up for the few rights that we actually have in these places.

We hope that this situation will not continue past the next canteen date, (July 31st), but if it's neccasary , we will stay out to the end of the season.

We are asking for your support in this matter , and we want you to know that we miss the ball just as much, if not more than you guys do.

The umpires would support you in an action of this type.
Won't you support them in theirs.

Bernie Guindon
Chief Umpire.

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The strike of the umpires ended on Thursday July 31st. The front office came up with the following offer that was accepted by the umpires.

1. The Cheif Umpire will be paid \$8.00 per canteen.
2. The Baseball Commisioner will be paid \$10.00 per canteen.
3. The umpires will now be paid \$1.50 per game worked.

So once more , you will hear those words " PLAY BALL " in the yard every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

Due to the strike there has not been any ball for the oast couple of weeks, but prior to the strike there were some good games played in both leagues.

MINORS: The Bikers are still the terror of the leauge with an 8 - 0 record in regular season play. I can't see any team in the league even coming close to beating these guys. The funny thing is that the vast majority of these guys have no experience in a ball feild and it must worry the other teams in the Minors, to think about what these guys are going to be like once they get some more games under their belts.

My main question for the commissioner is , when are they going to

put these guys up in the major league which is where they belong. Minor league ball is on the whole very entertaining ball, but when these guys play the average score is 10 - 2 and hence is rather boring for the fans.

Come on Commisioner Parent..... Move 'em up.

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MAJOR LEAGUE: This league is very well matched this year, and it's just like the old saying, " On any given day , any given team can beat another." One day the Surfs will cream the Bears and then when they play again the next week it will probably be a different story. Most of the cons in here don't watch the majors, so try them some time, you will see an excellent calibre of ball.

PLAYERS OF THE MONTH:

MINOR LEAGUE : This guy is not only the top 1st baseman in the league he's also been husting hid butt so that we can all have a concert next month in the gym. He's batting at a .403 clip and is always making a play that will break the game wide open.

This player is part of what makes the Bikers an awsome force in the league. This months winner..... Gary Bryant.

MAJOR LEAGUE: This guy is in his 30's and has more action in him than most players in their 20's. He is what you could call the heart of the Flakes, and with a .382 average he is the guy that will get a hit just when the team needs it to pull a win out of the hat..... This months award goes to the Flakes , Mr. Hustle.....Dave Campbell.

Honorable mentions this month go to , Wolf Srenk of the minor league Bikers and Dean Litzenburger of the major league Surfs.

Top Batters.....

Minors: Gord Reavely.....	.619	Majors: Taylor.....	.548
McKegian.....	.541	Agawa	.500
Shannon.....	.458	Burn	.419
Prokipczuk.....	.448	Forester	.382
Bill Rodgers.....	.441	Campbell	.377

OVERALL TEAM BATTING AVERAGES:

UNKNOWNNS

McKend	.667
Gord Reavely	.619
Shannon.....	.458
B. Rogers	.441
Powers	.416
Kasprick.....	.409
Lawless.....	.380
Oley	.333
Parsons	.214
Ross *	
Legere *	
Bechard *	
Patton *	
Ernwick *	
Abraham *	
Jones *	

BLUE BOMBERS

LaSarge	.444
Glen Reavely	.407
Knapp	.368
Weatherall	.350
Harris	.333
Caddadue	.333
Smith	.307
Quendent	.285
Givens	.272
Wraxall	.153
Woitowitch	.116
Steddick	.083
Mete.....*	
Steele	*
Herbert	*

BIKERS

Dufrane.....	1.000
Bourne	.800
Grant.....	.600
Guindon.....	.571
Mathis.....	.500
Bryant	.444
Urbanick.....	.428
Galloway.....	.416
Srenk	.375
Sinwalski	.250
Snider	.181
Salowski	*
Gardener	*

EAGLES

Villeneuve	.600
McKegian	.541
Jackson	.538
Hadden	.500
Osbourne	.448
Prokipczuk	.448
Atkinson.....	.421
Stemler	.400
Darlymple.....	.357
Comartin.....	.347
Bernier	.346
Rogers	.333
Clark.....	.333

***** - denotes - Stats not Available.

STANDINGS :		W	L	GBL	AVERAGE
	BIKERS	8	0	-	1.000
	UNKNOWNNS	6	4	4	.600
	BOMBERS	3	7	7	.300
	EAGLES	2	8	8	.200

MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING STATISTICS

BEARS

Taylor.....	.548
Page	.526
Kelly	.450
Manitowaba	.382
Ferguson	.370
Angrove	.333
Tubert	.272
Fiore	.266
Majestic	.240
Soos	.238
McCarnan	.230
King	.200
Richards	***
Lamure	***

SURFBOARDS

Burns	.419
Forester	.386
Rowbotham.....	.352
Grant	.333
Vonier	.315
Litzenberger	.297
Welch	.280
Toulouse	.272
Tubaro.....	.242
Stewart.....	.200

FLAKES

Agawa	.500
Campbell	.382
Lamure	.370
Fillion	.321
Blair	.320
Desaulnier.....	.309
Diabo	.305
Bowman	.266(a)
Lloyd.....	.250
Leger	.208
Rosso	.193
Evans	.187

Standings as of Aug 5th/80

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>GBL</u>
BEARS.....	10	10	0	/
SURFBOARDS	8	11	1	2
FLAKES	2	16	1	8

*** = stats N/A

(a) = injured-out for season

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SPECIAL REPORT: BIKERS HAVE FINALLY LOST

EAGLES 21 - BIKERS 10

The powerhouse of the minor league , The Bikers, went down to their first defeat of the season, loseing 21-10 to the underdog Eagles.

Eagles coach Roger Jackson played a game of daring hit and run against the usually near-perfect Biker infeild. It worked and the Eagles collected 33 hits of Biker pitching.

The only bright spot for the bikers team, was a solo home run by Captain , Bernie (Do it right Squarehead) Guindon. The sad part of the game was in the 5th, when first baseman Gary Bryant, tore ligiments in his ankle and is very probably done for the season, an injury that could well help the Bikers say good-bye to ant hopes of a 1st place finish.

As for the Eagles, Mike Knapp pitched the game , but faltered in the final innings. With a releif pitcher to take the load of of Mike you just might see the Eagles make a run at the Bikers for the pennant.

SOCCER

THESE GUYS ARE THE BEST IN THE LEAGUE

The jointsoccer team was not expected to do very well in the league they play on this year , and most people in here are very pleased by their performance in the first half of the season.

These guys are not only the top team in the league , but they are also 9 - 0 in the win loss column.

With the saxes of Sophijanov and the scoring of Tony Fiore, there dosen't seem to be a contender for them on the horizon.

When the opposition does get within scoring range , Fredy McCallum and John Caddadue are always there to stop them.

A special salute to John Stimpson and the midfeild crew and of course Dean Litzenberger and his "Kamakatz" style of play.

These guys play every Wednesday night in the yard and I think you you might enjoy a very good team in action.

The Collins Bay Soccer Team..... They're the best in town!!!!

The Elizabeth Fry Society of Kingston has requested that CON.T.A.C.T. publish the following letter that they have written to the women at the Prison for Women:

OPEN LETTER TO THE WOMEN IN THE PRISON FOR WOMEN

CON.T.A.C.T. , the Collins Bay paper, has published a list of grievances which some women in the Prison for Women have expressed concerning the Elizabeth Fry Society of Kingston. Many of you have seen this list.

In this letter we hope to clarify many of the points raised. Many of these points are based on misinformation about E. Fry.

Initially, however , we wish to acknowledge an apparently fundamental issue involved: a number of women in the prison for women are not happy with the Elizabeth Fry Society of Kingston. We do not disclaim our responsibility for this unhappiness. If you have a negative impression of the E. Fry, then we have failed to communicate adequately with you. While we dispute many of the facts on this list of complaints, it is clear from the list that we have not presented ourselves and our aims to you in a way that you could accept. We hope to do better in the future , and our first step is to write this letter. We have dealt with the list of grievances point by point, and have in each case, reproduced our concern along with our response.

1. We believe that the Elizabeth Fry Society members should have no right to vote on whether or not we get our day paroles or full paroles, since they have no knowledge of the people that they are voting about.

"response"

The Elizabeth Fry Society of Kingston does not have a vote on the parole board. Our Executive Director may sometimes be present at a parole hearing if the prisoner is destined to stay in Kingston, or has some special connection with our agency. If a woman is applying for day parole to the E. Fry Halfway House, the parole board will seek confirmation of her acceptance into the house before granting parole.

2. Kingston Elizabeth Fry Halfway House seems to be very short if not totally incapable of providing help , as in counselling, for the women who go there on their day paroles. It seems that the staff that are there are usually too busy to help the ladies that need it, and there is no confidentiality of any kind, as there is usually with any form of counseling.

"response"

We try to make sure that counselling is available to every resident as she needs it. Unfortunately, because our Executive Director is overworked.....

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E. Fry.....cont.

there may be instances where counselling is not as prompt or comprehensive as a resident may wish. Feedback on this issue is crucial if we are to meet the needs of house residents. In the individual cases where we fall short on counselling or confidentiality, it is crucial that the resident communicate her dissatisfaction to us.

With respect to the confidentiality, it is the responsibility of the house staff to report to the Executive Director. This information should never go beyond the confines of the agency, except non-sensitive subjects which may be discussed with teachers, employers etc.

However we also do parole supervision, and we are obligated to report those occurrences to the Parole Board which contravene the terms and conditions of the parole. We attempt to exercise our powers of discretion whenever possible. It may be that our responsibility to our clients is in conflict with our contractual obligations and responsibilities to the Parole Service. We felt in the past that the advantage of a private agency involvement in parole supervision outweighed the disadvantages of being responsible in part to the Correctional Service of Canada. This is an ongoing concern to us, and we welcome your views on this issue.

3. It seems that a lot of the ladies who are deportable have more priority than the Canadian Citizens and they are also afforded a lot more privileges. At one point it seemed that the Kingston Elizabeth Fry Halfway House was totally full of deportable women, and the Canadians had to wait for months to get out of the institution. We believe that one solution could be to send the deportables home as soon as they have been accepted for Day Parole or Full Parole.

"response"

We believe that this concern developed out of a situation in 1976 when there were several deportable women at the house. At the time the house was full and there were several women waiting to begin their day parole there. Shortly afterward had only one to four beds filled for a period of about 8 months. Since then we have never refused a woman because of shortage of space. Occasionally, those women already accepted have had a short waiting period while arrangements or decisions are underway in regard to other departing residents, but this is not common.

It is our policy to accept deportable women into our house. We advocate equal treatment of Canadian inmates in foreign prisons; and we choose not to discriminate against foreign women who are in our prisons.

Under the present law, a prisoner may not be deported until he or she is granted Full Parole for deportation. Where it is to the advantage of the prisoner, E. Fry would certainly be in favour of earlier return to other countries. We can only lobby for a change in the law as it stands.

E. Fry.....cont.

4. The only door open to the ladies of the Federal system seems to be the Elizabeth Fry Society, and we would like to see John Howard Society take over a lot of the paroles for the ladies. It seemed a lot of the ladies preferred the John Howard Society to Elizabeth Fry.

"response"

If any woman being released on parole in the Kingston area prefers to be supervised by any particular agency/supervisor, [e.g., National Parole Service, John Howard Society, ourselves.], they should make their preferences known in their parole application and/or their panel hearing.

5. We know that the Elizabeth Fry Society is given a government grant to work with and help female offenders, but we do not see the results of their work in the Prison for Women. The volunteers that used to come into the institution were all students and they went home at the end of April. They used to come in once a week with different programs and activities, but the quality of these soon dropped. At the end they only seemed to come in to play volleyball, and sit around and gossip. The last function that some of them did attend was our St. Valentines Day dance, which was funded by the Inmate Welfare Fund.

"response"

Our Government grant is limited, and we attempt, by fees paid for residence and parole supervision, to operate on an inadequate budget to meet the costs of the office and residence. This is complicated by the need to comply with wage standards, property maintenance by-laws, charitable organization, regulations, etc. We would be pleased to discuss our budget and allocation of funds with you.

Our institutional programme is run by student volunteers. Each year we advertise our need for volunteers, and the programming we are able to offer depends on the response we get to these ads. It is very difficult to come up with ideas for every Wednesday night. Our volunteers will seek out suggestions and assistance from you in the upcoming year.

6. It seems that the majority of women in the Prison for Women avoid the E. Fry Society, as they really don't want anything to do with such an un-organized, time wasting group, but in the end they have no choice, since this group is the only one set up to help women on a full time basis. Since the John Howard Society in B.C., seems to be able to do such a good job there, we would like the same kind of program set up for the women in the Federal system in Ontario.

"response"

We are unaware of any programme that the John Howard Society offers.

E. Fry.....cont.

women in B.C. , although the B.C. , E. Fry Societys have a large staff, offering programmes and counselling in Vancouver , Kamloops , Okinagan and Prince George. We would be pleased to discuss any programmes that you would like to see implimented here.

7. The ladies of E. Fry Society, seem to have jumped to a lot of conclusions about the advisability of closing the Prison for Women, without so much as even consulting the ladies whose lives will change drastically. It is rather tragic, especially considering the fact that this society is supposed to be dedicated to the women they seem to be totaly ignoring. If they do wish to consult with us on this matter, we would appreciate it if they would their own buisness.

"response"

This issue is so important that it can not adequately addressed here. Although we have in the past, consulted with the Prison for Women Inmate Committees , we realize that we have not done this enough on an ongoing basis. We intend to rectify this, and look forward to hearing the opinions of the presnt population.

We wish to stress immediately, however, our commitment to seek NON-INSTITUTIONAL INDIVIDUALISED SOLUTIONS to the problems faced by all women in conflict with the law.

8. Inmates ahve heard, which means that it must have really gone the long way around, that there are volunteers on the outside who really want to get invol- ved with this programe, have applied to join E. Fry and have never been contacted again.

"response"

We welcome volunteers.....See #5

9. The Elizabeth Fry Society doesn't seem to want to take the responsibility for any of the ladies who have a record with violence in it. This makes it exceedingly hard for any of the lifers to get out, and they make up one-fifth of the Prison for Women population at this time.

"response"

In the past two years , all of the women at the house have had some violence in their records except for six drug importers.(3 Canadians and 3 Deportables).

10. The Elizabeth Fry Society seems to only want to commit themselves for two or three months at a time, and if an inmate is doing more than 5 years it takes more than that, it takes more than that to get answers back on whether or not they have been accepted for Day Parole or Full Parole. It's bad enough whenone is turned down for either Parole , but much worse when one is turned down by the Elizabeth Fry.

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"response"

We aren't exactly sure what this question means. E. Fry , is prepared to do long term planning, but, of course this can't guarantee that entrance into the house for a precise date 12 months from now, because the departure plans of the women vacating the rooms are not definite.

11. The Elizabeth Fry seem to have a preferance for taking in and helping provincial women first, so this leaves alot of us with a great many problems trying to find alternitive accomodations.

"response"

As indicated in #3 , since 1976 we have never refused a woman because of shortage of space. Our contract with the Provincial Government has never interfered with our service to Federal women. As a matter of fact , the fiancial contribution from the Provincial Government contract assists in our continuing operation of our house and provision of this facility for the federal women. Only one bed is under provincial contract ,although we will house more provincial women if our house has empty beds.

12. It seems that alot of women have been sent back to the Prison for Women from the Kingston Elizabeth Fry Halfway House for a lot of very petty reasons. Could it be possible to set up a board, that also includes people from the institution and John Howard Society instead of it being just one one persons say so, or opinion. If there is any kind of persoality conflict this makes it impossible for the inmate to make it in the Half-Way House.

"response"

Confidentiality prevents us from disscusing specific cases.

As indicated previously, we attempt to excercise our powers of discretion when residents are in difficulty. We have few powers left when it comes to the police lay charges, or when there has been an obvious breach in the terms and conditions of parole.

We have done our best, here , in so short a space, to address these cocerns. This letter is not intended to be the final word, but , we hope, the first step in an on-going dialogue between the women of the Prison for Women ,and the members of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Kingston.

Signed.

Joan Simeon per, D.C.

President of E. fry of Kingston

& on behalf of the board and membersof
the Elizabeth Fry Society of Kingston.

July , 29th , 1980.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir.,

The Soliciter General, Robert Kaplan, recently toured the penitentiaries in Canada and declared, " they are better than I expected." What did Mr. Kaplan expect ? The entire system knew that he was coming and penitentiary authorities were very well prepared. He did not talk with the prisoners but was escorted throughout his tour by the big brass of the region. If he had spoken with the prisoners, he might have learned the following about Warkworth Institution.

Warkworth is mainly for people serving their first sentence in prison. As part of the indoctrination, prisoners are shown film clips of Millhaven during the early 70's and film clips during the K.P. riot. They are also told false stories of about pipings and beatings that allegedly occur regularly at Collins Bay. After the film clips are shown and the instructor has terrified the newcomers of the brutalities they would face at Collins Bay if they don't comply with the programs at Warkworth.

There are approximately 50 prisoners at Warkworth that are recidivists and it soon becomes clear why threats are made to newcomers. It is because sex deviates and informers are integrated into the population. Anyone wishing to participate in the sports program for instance, will be forced to play alongside some child molester, rapist or stool pidgeon. Of course there is the option of not participating.

Everything is done to keep friends apart. This ensures that these, "protection cases" will be safe from more than one person at a time. The authorities are so paranoid that they will not beleive that friends want to be together just for the simple reason that, they are friends. For example, there is a pool table in each block but friends can't get together to play a game, instead you have to put your name on a list and play the winner of a previous game.

There are over 400 inmates at Workworth but there are not enough jobs. A person that can't find a job is "warehoused". This means that, he stays in his cell all day and is paid the lowest grade. It doesn't matter that that he is willing to work; he has to talk to an instructor and convince him to hire him. The inmates without any skills are not hired and therefore have to spend the day in thier cell.

In every prison , a newcomer that has friends in the prison is helped when he first enters the prison by being supplied by his friends with toiletries , tobbacko , writing materials etc., but this is stopped at Workworth. Regardless of how much an inmate has saved in his canteen, he is restricted tospending \$20.00 every two weeks, another of thier petty rules.

Approximately one-half hour before each meal, the security staff and the living unit guards go to the inmate dining room and eat inmate food. At times this results in shortages for the inmates. For example ; it is not unknown for a guard to be standing there slurping on a hamburger and the inmate be told, " they have run out.". The inmate can either wait for a new batch to be cooked, or be fed a substitute. Inmates working in the kitchen are told by guards not able to get to the kitchen to, " bring me back a couple of sandwiches" , and if the inmate refuses, he is told he will have a bad report written on him stating that, he's not going along with the program. Prison staff are not allowed to eat inmate rations, but this is ignored at all prisons.

There are many inmates that want to be transferred to other institutions and are willing to go to greater security prisons, but when they submit a request, the request is ripped up or is not processed. One out of ten may be successful. Some inmates even go to the "hole" for various periods of time smash up their cells, etc. in order to obtain a transfer but to keep their records looking good , (because it would not look good for Warkworth , if 30 men at one time were transferred to a greater security prison at their own request), they are denied.

If an inmate wants to go to school, he is "warehoused" for two months. He is told there is a waiting list so he has to stay locked up in his cell for two months. In other prisons, if an inmate has to wait for a certain shop or school, he is still put to work somewhere in the meantime, either as a cleaner or in the kitchen,

If Mr. Kaplan would come out of his ivory tower and talk to the inmates instead of the staff, he might discover that prisons aren't "as good as he thought", instead of vice-versa.

Red Walters 8526

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To Sam Wiess , and all the guys who helped with the superb cake for Bobby W.; a simple thank you is not enough reward to express our feelings of gratitude.

Much time and thought must have been utilized for this creative masterpiece. It is this writers opinion , that in a "street competition" , this culinary delight would have taken top honours.

On behalf of Bobby W., (ex-chairman of the Vision Group-A.A.) , and all members, I say , Well Done!

I would like to add, if anyone feels a need for help on alcohol or drug problems, put your name, number and ceel location of work location on a piece of paper and drop it in the box on the strip. You will be contacted by one of our group. Check us out. It's Free !! The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking and using.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Vision Group
Paul Stratis/Chairman

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COMMITTEE NEWS

An agenda meeting was held July 4th/80, commencing at 10:00 , terminating at 12:20. The two hours and twenty minutes were well spent, but unfortunately because we had to break for lunch , there were four articles that had to be put over to the nexy Agenda Meeting.

Attending Meeting

Administration

Mr. H. Reynett - Director

Mr. L. Stebbins - AD-Soc.

Mr. D. Patterson - Security

Inmate Committee

Tom Jackson - Sec.

Tony Fiore - RR1

Jim Hertrich - RR3

George Neely - RR4

The following consists of the topics discussed , points raised , decisions made and a general rundown of the conversations that ensued. First will be the topics on the agenda and then followed by the results. This does not mean that we necessarily agree with all the answers we recieved, but we do feel it is a step in the right direction.

1] In a meeting held prior to Dec,'78 , there were items approved that have yet to be implimented. The items that we are talking about are: The tileing of the ranges that do not have tile, hot water in the cells that do not have it, and also we would propose that the cell blocks and cells be painted in colors other than those customary onstitutional trends.

1a] This topic was obtained origianally from a former committee agenda. At this time it was discovered that the word "approved" should have read , recomended. The present administration has also recomended these improvements. However , a recommendation does not mean that it will be done, merely that it has been recomended. If the neccasary funds are not allotted the work is not done, to date there has been no funding for these improvements, until this takes place, the present administration are stating, although they do agree that the improvements are neccasary, they are forced to wait for the funding.

In regards to the painting of the blocks it seems that the boss of the paint gang is presently working on a job at Frontenac and the only solution to get on with it at this time with all in agreement was to form a 4 man paint crew to work with a range rep. until 1,2 and 3 blocks are completed and this does not include cells. We are looking to straighten out the ranges for you, and the cells are up to you, hopefully we will get some enamel based paint that can be washed when filthy and in a variaty of colors, hence brighten..

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the environment. With the committee taking on the responsibility of this job it must be remembered that that we are reflecting the changes you the population tell us what you want, so no stallers need apply for this job. We are looking for painters and painters that know how to paint. As we said, no stallers need apply for this job, because this job is for the cons and we only want guys who will keep that in mind until the job is done. Let the committee know if you are interested and we will try to get you on the work board right away.

2] We propose that a standing order be sent down to the blocks, so that when ever sports programs are on TV all that would be necessary to enable us to watch them would be for a committee member to inform the keeper one hour prior to the event.

2a] The keepers have been informed to allow us to watch these special sports events and movies till they are over. The administration claim there is no problem here but they should be notified as early as possible. So check those TV guides and keep on top of the committee to see that arrangements are made.Games going into overtime are automatically allowed late viewing.

3] On April 28th/80, the committee proposed the inmates be present in their cells when they are searched. The warden agreed that except for cases of particular circumstances inmates should be present when their cells are searched we would like to know what is meant by particular circumstances.

3a] The Director explained that since that meeting he has run into problems with security. Apparently no witnesses are necessary and they try to do this with two men per cell.... The Director explained that he is asking for a standing order that regards cell searches be revised, and wherever possible, the person having his cell searched, be there.....

We will let you know what develops.

4] There was a meeting with Mr. Yeomans in Jan. '79, at which time he told the committee that there were to be changes in the C.D.'s, which were dealing with limits on cell effects, also C.D. 233 dealing with Inmate Welfare Fund for drives such as Bingo's lotteries etc..We would like to know if any changes have been made, if so what are they?

4a] No changes to date. This is being worked on by Regional H.Q., i.e. Dennis Kerr. Apparently proposals are being presented to initiate changes, and the committee will receive the changes as soon as they are published.

5] Also discussed at the meeting of Sept. '79, the committee complained about conditions in the kitchen and asked why the officers mess was always spotless and the kitchen for the population was not in the same condition. We see no reason why there should be any difference in the two eating areas, and we want the problem looked into right away. Also we are proposing that an inmate food inspector be appointed to check the food before each meal and....

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to make sure that it is allright to be served. We feels that with the appointment of 2 food inspectors, the quality of the food will improve. There is no reason that we can't eat the same quality of food as the staff.

5a] As to the cleanliness of the kitchen , the Director intends to begin a regular inspection himself , or designate someone to do these inspections either way he will see to the change.. Also he mentioned that he wanted the **Electricians** to move the buglights as soon as possible, either that or move the food accessory tables from underneath them.

As for the inmate inspectors, the Director explained that he would look into the quality of the meals, and that the steward that works in the staff mess now takes a turn in the kitchen. To date we still cannot induce the administration to partake of line meals, but the Director is looking for a taster.

The Director has given us the indication that he will be going into all phases of the kitchen, if this comes about, we will finally get us something for carrying our trays to the table. The committee eats on the line so, we will be waiting to see the improvements also.

6] At the last meeting , on April 29th/80, the committee stated that they wanted the mail delivered by V&C , insyead of the guard staff. We are wondering how long before this is done? Also we would like to propose that the mail be delivered at noon instead of 4:15. We see no reason why this cannot be done, as the mail is delivered at noon at K.P., Joyceville & Millhaven.

6a] By the 1st of August there will be a type of post-office operated by V&C on the strip, next to the greivence board office. They are awaiting the neccasary shelving. At this time you will be able to pick up your mail at noon, but you will have to show your I.D. card to make sure that no one else picks up your mail.

We get our mail , and the administration gets us to use those I.D. cards; Catch 22!!!!, now... how do we get them to use theirs??

7] We propose that the times of all socials be changed to 1:00 - 9:00 , as for the count, the inmates attending the social can go back to their c3lls and return after the count is completed.

7a] According to the administrtion present, all the funding for the staff overtime pay is almost depleted, and that it is a possibility that our present social programs could be jepordized because of no funding to pay staff that attend these functions. Of course this is speculation on their part, but we will see what comes of it. We did get an extra hour in the A.M. though and now the socials will have no bearing on the overtime, and will be

held from 9:00 - 3:00.

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8] We also propose that the strip and yard not be closed from 11:00 - 12:00 on weekends and holidays, but left open so that inmates who wish to stay in the yard may do so.

8a] Mr. Patterson (Security) , stated that it was impossible to arrange the relief staff for the yard. They require ½ hour for lunch and there is not enough staff to allow the necessary relief changes throughout the prison, and keep the yard open.

9] Lack of time to discuss.

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1] We would like to know why the sports equipment is not ordered in time for the summer sheduale. We have asked for weight lifting bars and benches since early May, but have not yet been able to get them made. Every time we check with Mr. Macy , he sends us to Mr. Fowler, who in turn sends us back to Mr. Macy. It's the same old pass the buck routine and we want to get to the bottom of this.

1a] Everyone agreed on the problems in the recreation dept., and they will be checking out to see what can be done is done. The 5 benches and 10 bars will be looked after and the proper ones obtaines, ASAP.

2] Lack of time to discuss.

3] We would like to know what guidelines the administration has concerning, entertainment, concerts, movies, musical groups etc....

. We propose that we be allowed to invite musical groups into the institution every two months. Also why are we only allowed to deal with three(3) companies when ordering movies for the population. We would like to deal with more than these three companies and hence would have a better selection to choose from. As it stands now we are lucky to get one good movie a month.

3a] The proposal the committee submitted regarding the entertainment has been agreed upon in general, this means we will be able to check out different companies and be able to get better movies for the weekend and we won't only be able to deal with the present 3 companies.

We will be allowed to have rock groups in the gym every two months and this will happen three times then if all goes well, we will have groups in every month. There will be two groups each time if possible. These concerts will be funded by the Welfare Fund and donations from the population. Of course if there are no donations we will know that you do not want the concerts. In regards to skits and stage shows for Thursday afternoons....No Objections.

If you can assist us in any of these areas , Lets get into it and arrange something for the start of August.

14] Lack of time to dicuss.

15] We also propose that the Indian Brotherhood room on 3 Block be reopened to the Brotherhood group. We feel that the room was taken away from them for no real reson and that this was an unjust set back in their programme.

15a] We did not have to bring this up as the room has been given back to the Native Brotherhood.

16] No time to discuss.

No's , 9 - 10 - 12 - 14 - 16 to be added to the next agenda.

Other topics we disscussed.....

Pay Raise.

It seems that we are in for a pay raise around Oct. The Director explained that Ottawa worked the pay raise out to 15% of the minimum wage. This they feel is what a person on the outside would have left after he paid for room, board and bills. This 15% would be waht he would have left for ciggarettes, beer etc We don't get the beer!! The main thing is that we are getting a raise that should work out to abotu 45¢ an hour. This will be broken down to top pay, for those that do skilled work, less pay for those taking courses etc., ans even less pay for cleaners etc. but no matter what, we will be making more money. At this point the converstion went on about the pay raise that is coming, the way that I have layed it out here is not defineite and as soon as it is clear to us we'll inform you of the actual facts.

Outside Visiting Area.

This will hopefully happen either by the end of the summer or next year at the latest.

The meeting was ajouned after 2 hours and 20 mins. as we all were late for lunch. Everything else will be dealt with at the next meeting.

Form your own conclusions, as we will, but keep in mind that we are YOUR committee and we are looking to make this place , a place that if you cannot leave, at least there will be things to occupy your time.

Suggestions.....Advice.....???? Lets hear it.....
Not all ideas are possible, but not all are impossible.

This is Collins Bay 1980.....

Bernie Guindon

Inmate Committee Charman

METROPOLITAN TORONTO BAIL PROGRAM

OR

"HOW IT WORKS IN THE U.S.S.R."

I am not sure just how many of you know just what this bail program is. So I am going to put in an article that I read in to let you see how some people see it.

A new and valid experiment is now taking place in Metropolitan Toronto, called the Bail Program, and is expected to expand to other areas of the province. This experiment is also new in that it also involves the Elizabeth Fry Society and the Salvation Army, with all three organizations working together in order to get people out on bail. One of the most important things that the John Howard Society did in commencing the Bail Program, was to set up a liaison committee to all other areas of the justice system that will be affected by the Bail Program. The Committee includes, jail superintendents, representatives of the crown, defence council, police, probation and parole supervisors, and members of the Bail Management Board. As a result of the committee, good communications with all groups has been developed, defusing many problems dealing with issues as they arise. The Bail Program staff have been instrumental in creating better ties for direct intake with the Addiction Research Foundation, the Manpower Basic Job Readiness Training Program, as well as with the Fortune Society.

Now all of that sounds nice, but like most things that the police would have anything to do with, this is all wrong. Up until 1971, anyone could have bail set for a crime that they were accused of, and for good reason... you are innocent until proven guilty. You have the right to stand in the prisoners box and make the Crown prove your guilt. You do not have to prove a thing, but now along comes bail reform, you must prove before trial that you should be on the street, till you go to court.

We all know how we feel about mandatory. Now they want you to report in and live where you are told and work where they tell you, and all before a court finds you guilty of anything.

By going along with Bail Supervision, they are turning everything around, now you are guilty until you go to court and prove your innocence..

I have heard from the people that are running this program that they are helping people get onto the street that would otherwise be left in jail. To me that is a Cop-Out.....

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You should be looking at a law that let's the Police and the courts keep men in jail before they are found guilty of a crime.

Before you look and fall in love with the back end of this horse, look at the head.

All people should have the same rights the Crown and the Police, to be free to build a case before going to court.

The only valid point that I see in this program, is that it gives a job to people that don't know a thing about justice.

Or also those that go blind at the sight of money.

To the Elizabeth Fry Society, John Howard Society, Salvation Army and the Fortune Society, I say, look out, Big Brother is not watching you..... He's right there in bed with the lot of you.

HONEST TOM FRENCH # 2429
Editor of CON.T.A.C.T.

CONJUGAL VISITS IN PEN.

Facilities for conjugal visits will be installed in at least one of Canada's 14 maximum security penitentiaries before the end of the year - but only inmates serving long terms will benefit.

That stipulation brought widespread protest among prisoners interviewed recently at the Millhaven maximum security penitentiary. They said enormous tensions will be built up if only married or long-term inmates are allowed the visits.

"It would be a good way to get some-one killed", one lifer told a visiting newsman. "In here, either everyone is eligible for something, or no-one is".

Though the official line stresses "family" visits, in discussing the program, the prospect of sexual relations for some inmates and not for others causes concern.

Art Trono, director-general of Ontario's federal prisons observes: "If you give married men sexual privileges, you're asking for trouble. More than half our population are young unmarried men with no permanent relationships. They need female contact as much as husbands do."

The notion of family, or conjugal, visits has been under

study for several years by Canadian Penal authorities, but on or from Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan, a task force is now working out the details to put it into force.

Initially, prisoners in a maximum security pen still to be named will be allowed private two-day visits with members of their families.

Penitentiaries Commissioner Donald Yeomans says the visits will be carried out in a mobile home or a two-bedroom cottage to be built inside prison walls. If the pilot project works, the conjugal visiting rights would be extended to the other maximum security institutions, where inmates are serving terms of up to twenty five years.

It will be aimed initially, at married prisoners or those who have long-established common-law relationships, and though the conjugal, or sex-relations aspect of the proposition gets the most attention, the objective is to keep families together - to give inmates access to their wives and children. In Saskatchewan, which has permitted family visits for years, more than half the visits are by inmate's parents.

The decision not to allow conjugal visits for single prisoners is a difficult one. "Let's face it, we're not running a dating service," says a spokesman for the correctional service.

Commissioner Yeomans says conjugal visiting will reduce tension and violence in the penitentiary system and cut down on "predatory homosexuality"

John Braithwaite, deputy commissioner of communications, and a member of the task force, says the visiting privileges will be offered only to prisoners serving long terms - i.e. those not eligible for early parole or temporary leave.

"It's not simply conjugal visiting", Braithwaite says. "We want to preserve family ties. If a prisoner has no contact with his wife and children, then the marriage will almost certainly terminate."

The Toronto Sun. Friday July 18th 1980.

INMATES SUE OVER PRISON TRANSFERS.

Eight convicts are suing the Canadian Penitentiary Service for moving them from prison to prison.

The cons, all of them inmates of federal maximum security

institutions, claim that the authorities are transferring them without valid reason, causing them mental anguish and strained family relationships.

Montreal lawyer Claude Lanctot, representing the prisoners, said that some of the men have been shuttled from one prison to another every three months. He said that each inmate is suing for \$250.00 a day for the five month period February 16th to July 16th.

Lanctot said the prisoners "are being transferred by the flip of the coin the prisons they go to are being chosen at random with no valid reasons being given".

One of the eight, a convicted murderer, was moved five times in six months, from Millhaven, to Saskatchewan, to Dorchester, N.B. to Archambault, near Montreal, and finally to Laval, also near Montreal.

The convict said in a letter most of those moved "were not charged with any disciplinary misconduct. Yet the transfer resulted in severe punishment an extreme measure that was unwarranted". He added that prisoners who refuse to go are sometimes "persuaded at gunpoint and by snarling German Shepherds".

A former inmate now living in Ottawa and corresponding with some of the inmates involved said the transfers also caused delays in appeals. He added that in many cases, the wives of the convicts are on welfare and cannot afford the fare to visit distant institutions.

Dennis Finlay, a spokesman for the Corrections Service, said the service, "has a mandate to house these inmates, and we try, as much as possible, to keep them in institutions close to their families so they can receive visits."

But he said that for a variety of reasons, including security it is sometimes necessary to transfer convicts to other prisons.

The Toronto Sun - Wednesday July 16th 1980/

PAROLE CUTS COSTLY : KAPLAN

Cutting back on the number of parole passes would cost

taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars and would not eliminate the occasional, sensational crime, Solicitor General Robert Kaplan said yesterday.

"We have 9,000 people in our penitentiaries and we have 6,000 on parole. If we are going to cut back on parole, it's going to mean hundreds of millions of additional dollars".

There already have been two "important" cutbacks to reduce the number of day parole passes issued, Kaplan told the Liberal caucus.

Authority to grant 72 hour parole passes has been passed from the office of the prison warden to the National Parole Board, he said, adding that the board is "turning down substantial amounts of applications".

Kaplan was responding to public criticism of the escort release program after Conrad Brossard, a convicted murderer, rapist, and armed robber, escaped from an unarmed guard last Friday.

Brossard is now charged with kidnapping and stabbing a Repentigny, Que., man before being recaptured Saturday.

At the same time Brossard was free, two convicted killers escaped from Dorchester Penitentiary.

Despite the escapes, Kaplan said the system generally works well and should not be dramatically overhauled, but he has asked his department to compile a report on the performance of prisoners on parole.

Kaplan said he would consider "tightening up" the number of paroles if the statistics indicate a large number of crimes have been committed while prisoners are away from their cells.

He said he was against sending to prison any person without the option of a parole because, he believes, even the most violent offender can be rehabilitated.

"We have some people who were in for 10 years a lot happens to a person after spending 10 years in an institution", he said.

The Toronto Sun, Thursday 17th 1980.

PRIVATE EXTENDED FAMILY VISITS.

"Allowing convicts conjugal visits - during which their wives and children could periodically spend a weekend with them ..." is the opening sentence of a booklet prepared by the Women's Group of the Kingston John Howard Society.

Anyone from another planet reading this would marvel at a country where there were no female prisoners - only male. And as they read through the next 14 pages they could be excused for drawing this conclusion, for nowhere is there any reference to a female convict, her needs, or her family problems. This has to be more than the usual imperfect use of the masculine pronoun. This, in fact, illustrates just one of the gross insensitivities inherent in the Canadian prison system. Because women prisoners represent only a fraction of the total prison population, why bother? However, women prisoners also have marriage partners, children, parents, relatives and friends, and by the very nature of their upbringing, they are usually closer to their families, and particularly to their children. But why bother? Let's talk about conjugal rights for male prisoners only.

Well, let's talk about it! Why, in the first place, use the term 'conjugal visits' which suggests the sexual aspects of marriage. Why not use the more frequently suggested term, 'extended family visits', which would emphasize the family aspect while de-emphasizing the disparaging attitude introduced into this debate by some top officials.

It should first be recognised that the need for such family visits would not be taking on such monumental importance were we to reject the statement "the prison service anticipates that the trend toward longer sentences will continue after Parliament voted to end the death penalty..." Must we always accept the unacceptable? We now know that the demoralization caused by imprisonment is in direct proportion to the length of time served. Much fuss is made about the failure of so-called rehabilitation programs, and about recidivism which maintains a steady average of approximately 85%. But, little is known about those members of the former Solicitor-General Warren Allmand's committee, who insisted that 25 year alternative to the death penalty was "absurd", because it simply could not and would not work, and they were dropped from the committee. Four years later 114 prisoners are serving 25 year sentences in

Canadian prisons with no end in view.

Knowing all this, must we unquestionably accept the 25 year alternative (with corresponding increases in the 10, 15, and 20 year sentences which go unmentioned) as if it were the word of God, and then proceed to discuss the feasibility of conjugal visiting as if it were the only alternative? This is more like placing the cart before the horse. Instead, let's have done with inhuman sentencing practices, and only then can we proceed intelligently to discuss the humanizing of the remaining incarceration period.

However, like every other area of our lives these days - while keeping an eye on the long term objectives, like staying alive as governments vie with each other to sell arms and nuclear devices calculated to destroy us all - at a profit - we are faced with the reality of the present moment. People are being imprisoned for longer periods of time, and therefore we are obliged to ensure that they survive the mind-boggling bureaucratic games - the long months and years held in solitary confinement, and the inadequate delivery of health care, to name just a few. Within this context, obviously, we should support the extended family visits program.

Discussing this subject last October with certain high officials in Kingston, the following points were debated: (I record the answers offered by the writer).

"What do we do for the guy who isn't married? Do we bring in his girl friend? What do we do for the homosexual?"

ANSWER: Quite simple: allow the prisoners themselves to organize and monitor this project. They can then select the partners they wish to invite. After all, it's nobody's business who their partner is. Assuming everyone will have to pass through tight security, that is all the prison administration needs to concern itself about.

"Would it not be another way for visitors to smuggle contraband, such as weapons and drugs into a prison".

ANSWER : The same safeguards could be used as exist for present open contact visits. Prisoners themselves are already skin frisked before and after open contact visits, in maximum security prisons, so what difference is there between a 4 hour and a 48 hour visit, in this respect. Anyway, no one has yet come up with the answer to how contraband gets into prisons when there are only closed non-contact visits, or rather, no one in authority is prepared to disclose their findings in such instances.

"For somebody who needs it two or three times a week, what's he going to do (with only one conjugal visit every few months)?"

ANSWER : No one needs this kind of obscenity - least of all a prisoner who has been sentenced to pass 10 or 25 years in an abnormal environment, deprived of love and contact with family and friends. No one asks prison officials "how many times a week they need it". To date, prisoners have generally displayed a willingness to cooperate with any regulations which will permit them to maintain some degree of family contact

"If conjugal visiting ever did happen, it would have to be very closely controlled because there's always someone who tries to abuse the system".

ANSWER : Quite true. Just as there is always some one in the most exclusive golf club, or in the most professional hockey team, who "tries to abuse the system". However, there are rules to deal with the culprit. The entire golf course is not shut down, nor is the entire hockey team banned from playing forever. In the same way, any prisoner who "abuses the system" can be dealt with accordingly, and it need not be used as an excuse to shut down the entire program. In other words, despite the sincere intentions of the majority of prisoners to abide by family visiting regulations, they should not be penalized if and when one of their numbers violates the rules. In fact, this would be an appropriate occasion to end group reprisals altogether - a practice so dearly loved by administrations.

We now come to the crux of the matter. When the Commissioner and the Solicitor General speak out in favour of a "conjugal visit program, predicting that it should begin in 1980", but, when other senior officials publicly oppose the same principle, are we being treated to the 'Big Lie' technique - headlines, interviews, proposed plans, all to provide the system with the desired good image, while behind this gratuitous publicity the real miseries continue - men are still being shackled in solitary confinement (Kent), or slashing up in a group suicide attempt and then being gassed (Laval), and women are still being dragged naked by a male guard to an old cow barn (Oakalla): forced transfers are still scooping up unwilling prisoners to move them from one end of the country to the other; adequate medical attention is still more a "happening" than a guarantee; and throughout all this, the concept of "openness and accountability" remains a myth.

Conjugal visits - properly called extended private family visits, for both male and female prisoners, would be much appreciated. However, short, flat, sentences (eliminating parole procedures entirely) and genuine access between

prisoners and concerned citizens would represent far more meaningful progress in the Canadian prison system.

While the situation in Iran continues to shock the world - both the hostage taking and the reasons for it - it comes as a surprise to read that "... wives are allowed to visit their husbands at Tehran's notorious Evin Prison so that prisoners can satisfy 'their spiritual and sexual needs in complete privacy' AND the 18 women held at Evin can also receive similar visits from their husbands." (Vancouver Sun, June 25th 1980).

Where does civilisation start, and where does it end?

Clair Culhane for Prisoners Rights Group (PRG).

3965 Pandora, Burnaby, British Colombia. 28th June 1980.

TRANSCENDENTAL FLOSS

as i was sitting

in my chair

i saw the bottom

wasnt there

nor legs , nor back

but i just sat

ignoring little things

like that!

J. D. Simmons

LOADED QUESTION

(Live from San Quentin)

My voice is a con-sealed weapon.
 It's bulletts pierce the bridge
 between the brave benefactors of Beingness
 (a ghost town few dare enter)
 and the shallow subscribers of bogus strip city cosmopolition
 prisons of imperfection
 (where most of us live)
 My heart burglarizes your body.
 It rips off your cords
 from the walls off your mind
 and pacifies the electric static
 in your elementary thoughts.
 My spirit ebezzeles your brain,
 bankrupts your boredom.....

Perhaps I am being unfair.
 I don't suggest rehabilitation.
 I will murder that part of you,
 that is horizontal and insignificant.
 I will not be by any means fair.
 My love will commit arson
 on your ego, its flames
 will flow inward and devour.
 My compassion will kidnap your soul
 and write your obituary in silver blood
 across the sky
 with fire-arms of friction.
 By no means will I commit myself
 to a quick scam or petty theft.
 I'm in it up to my neck
 in a time-less-ness.
 I have a centrifugal alibi.
 I remain here for a reason
 scavenging at the scene of all crime
 scathing insincerity and rutpreing routines of torture,
 hiding invisible behind a burning bush of beligerence.
 I am stubborn. I am oblique.
 I have smuggled a concept
 through barren borders of infinite apathy
 and I have endlessly carried upon my lips a loaded question
 You too should ask yourself sometime:
 Who am I ?!? Who am I ? !!!!!

FOURTH EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE'S OLYMPIAD.

The population of the Bay and their guests once again staged the Exceptional People's Olympiad on the weekend of the 26th/27th July 1980. This was the fourth Olympiad, continuing a tradition that began back in 1977 but had it's roots in Canada some twelve years ago.

In 1968, Dr, Frank Hayden, now Director of the Physical Education Faculty of McMaster University, conceived the idea of Special Olympics for the mentally handicapped. It was his dream, but he could not find support for the concept in Canada, so he approached the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation in Washington, D.C. That organisation was happy to bring his idea to fruition and the current president of the Special Olympics, Inc., is Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Now the Special Olympics concept has spread to Canada and 27 other countries in the world. Naturally, we at the Bay are proud to be a small part of the movement, especially when we became the first and only prison in this country to stage an Olympiad.

In 1977 Le Group Social Francais sponsored the first Special Olympics and called it The Mentally Retarded Childrens Olympiad, subsequently changed to the Exceptional People's Olympiad. Everything was a challenge for those pioneers and there were many unanswered questions. But those first steps culminated in an outstanding achievement, a successful Olympiad.

The 1978 Games was staged by the 10+ Group and started the concept of total participation by the population. It was decided in 1979 to hand the responsibility over to an inmate Olympiad Committee and that was the format continued this year. The entire community of the Bay is involved in staging the Games, wether it be as a Godbrother, or in Food Service, Crowd Control, Entertainment, Sports Co-ordinators, and so on.

While everyones participation is needed, it is the Godbrothers that have the most emotionally wearing job. They are friend, fan, and helper to an Exceptional Person for the weekend and meaningful relationships are often built up and nurtured from year to year.

With the continued success and expansion of the Games we have acquired much outside community assistance, both locally, and across Canada. We even have a strong supporter in Brooklyn, New Jersey. Apart from financial help, we received 4800 pints of milk, orange juice, and lemonade from Clark Dairies in Ottawa. Bata Shoes were instrumental in helping us buy trackshoes for every athlete, and The Order of the Alhambra in Belleville donated sufficient funds for us to purchase windbreakers. Medals, trophies, and buttons were donated from many active supporters in the London and Kitchener areas and the list goes on. Two special trophies were donated though, which deserve special mention. The Satans

Choice Motorcycle Club donated the 'Choice' Cup which was awarded to the Rideau Regional Centre as the Centre that gained the most points during the athletic competitions. The Vagabond Motorcycle Club donated two plaques which were awarded to Rideau Regional and D'Arcy Place as the Centres which produced the overall male and female athletes. The high point of the Closing Ceremonies was the presentation of these awards by the Warden.

In addition to the scheduled events, other parts of the program also included

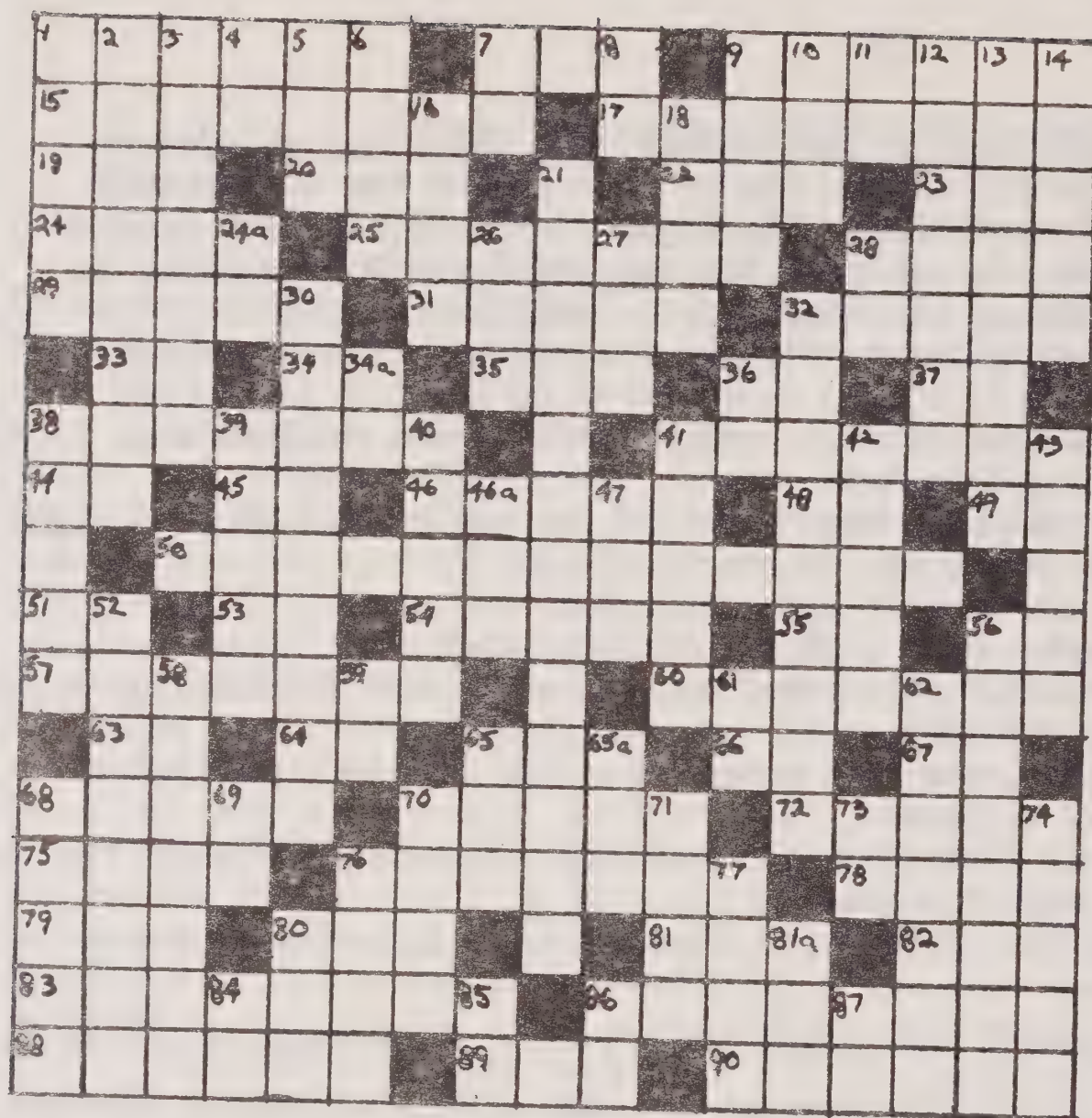
1. The Napanee Marching Pipe Band.
2. 'VOID', A local rock-group that provided the music for the Sat. night dance that was hosted by The Royal Military College.
3. A Bar-B-Que lunch on Saturday here at C.B.I.
4. Prisoner music groups for lunchtime entertainment.
5. Sunday morning breakfast, prepared and served by the John Howard Society of Kingston's Womens Group.
6. Clowns, ballons, ice cream and soda, a variety of snack foods for everyone's taste treat enjoyment.
7. At least 30 students from Queens University. These students ran the sports clinics for all the participants.
8. A parachute jump. Nine skydivers, dropped right into the prison on Sat. afternoon.

The tents were supplied by the Canadian Forces, for the weather protection.

Everyone knows the difficulty involved in putting on an Olympiad of this nature, even under normal conditions, Therefore we would feel remiss in not reminding everyone that to organize and run such a venture behind prison walls can only add to existing problems. Some special patience and effort is required. It comes out as a real team effort. Population and all of our many friends on the outside must be congratulated.

Every year the Games here at Collins Bay grow and expand. The Exceptional Peoples Olympiad has become an event where we have found that planning, hard work and patience, love and understanding, go hand in hand. People on the inside of the walls and out, have the opportunity to demonstrate what humanity, friendship and caring is all about.

At the Exceptional People's Olympiad, Everyone is a winner.



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| 1. Friendly | 35. New, (colloq.) | 57. Western U.S. city |
| 7. Hot Jewellery | 36. Father | 60. Hobo's journey |
| 9. Not Goofy's | 38. Western U.S. State. | 63. Lois Lane (init) |
| 15. _____ is "Shane" | 41. Western Hero | 64. "Dr. _____" |
| 17. Bahama Resort | 44. Queens Init. | 66. 40- Roman Number |
| 19. Slippery | 45. Musical Note | 67. Printers Meas |
| 20. Barely making a living | 46. Yul Brynner is "Taras _____" | 68. Lined |
| 22. Top, (pref.) | 48. Disbelief! (Exp) | 70. Western Fair |
| 23. Poem | 49. Really? (exp.) | 72. Wear away |
| 24. Actress, "Ann _____" | 50. Tattoo's home | 75. Mt. _____ (It) |
| 25. Support a Commercial | 51. Degree (coll.) | 76. _____ Stamp is "Trinity." |
| 28. Demons | 53. Exists | 78. Chooses, (abbr.) |
| 29. Coppers' Nose | 54. Tart (Fr.) | 79. Cravat |
| 31. Religious Priniple | 55. Compass Pt. | 80. My _____ hall (abbr.) |
| 32. Skin flie | 56. Greek Letter | 82. Suffix (Pl.) |
| 33. Dana Wynter, (init.) | | |
| 34. Sun God | | |

- 83. Kind of tree
- 86. 10½ shillings
- 88. Charges
- 89. Demon
- 90. Look at Stone family

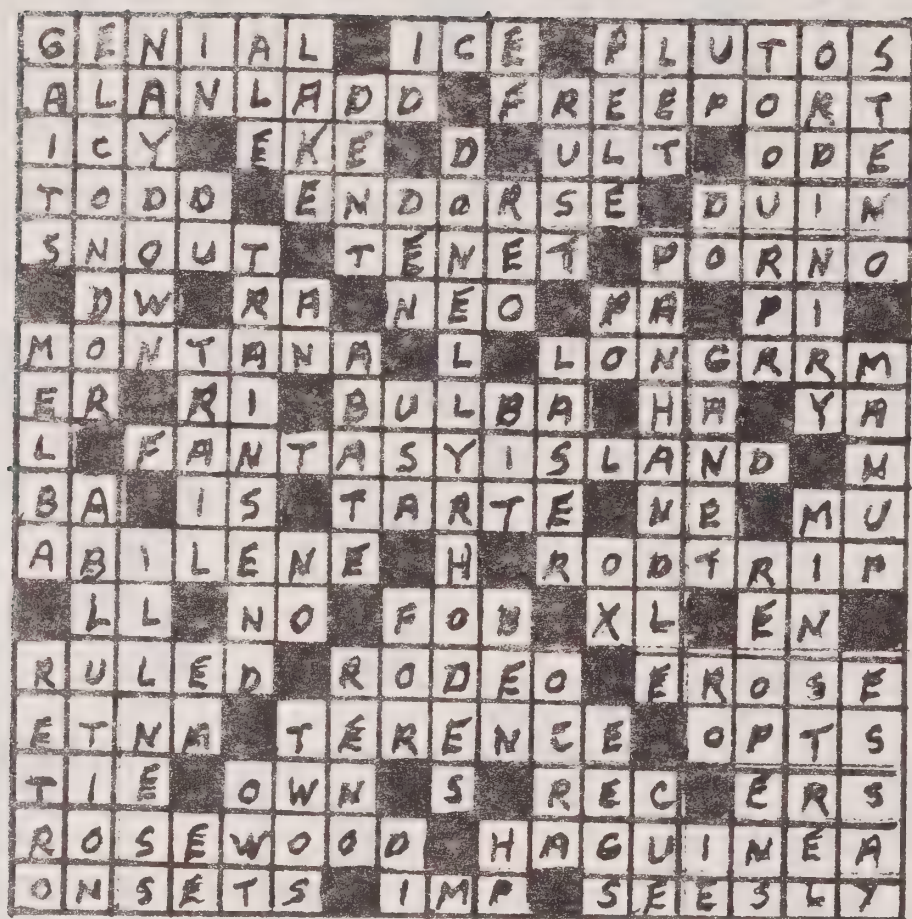
- 1. Strides
- 2. "_____ Pasa"
- 3. Aye, it's up?
- 4. Preposition
- 5. Malt Bev
- 6. Veronica _____
- 7. Part of ego
- 8. Letter
- 9. Soccer Star
- 10. Allow
- 11. Not down
- 12. Drink Health(3 words)
- 13. Plain
- 14. Typist
- 16. Mar
- 18. Oxidize
- 21. Actor, "_____"
- 24. Of the, (FR) _____
- 26. Lions Home
- 27. Classic Auto
- 28. "_____ unto others"
- 30. Caboose
- 32. "Texas _____"
- 34a Artical (ind) _____
- 36. River (Int.)

- 38. Moore or Toast
- 39. Town (B.C.)
- 40. Subside
- 41. Light Beam
- 42. Scavenger Bird
- 43. Increase Forces
- 46a "Hollywood _ _ _"
- 47. Small Role
- 52. Morning right
- 56. Ballad singer
- 58. Malady
- 59. "Dr. _____"
- 61. Beast of burden
- 62. After alterations
- 65. Pro
- 65a Gentle _____
- 68. Pay back
- 69. Eddie Albert (Int.)
- 70. Divorce Capital
- 71. Gumbo
- 73. Roy Orbison (INT.)
- 74. Short Story
- 76. By ones and _____
- 77. Brainwaves
- 80. Two for the mirror
- 81a Billiard Stick
- 84. Diphthong
- 85. Army Instructor
- 86. Sauce
- 87. For example

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ANSWER TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 34

On the next four pages are eight of the many pictures taken at this years Oly
-iad. Picture one is of Sammy Wiess resting his legs while enjoying the
scenery by the Sports Clinic.

Numbers two shows three winners recieving their medals with Sammy Wiess
and Red Gallaway.

Number three was taken at lunch hour with the Collins Bay Band performing.

Number four,atheletes and God-Brothers preparing for an event.

Number five,athelete participating in the soft ball throw.

Number six,Sam is still enjoying the scenery.

Number seven,Red Gallaway with Jeff Morrison presenting an award.

Number eight,Larry Norris and his athelete on their way to pick an award.



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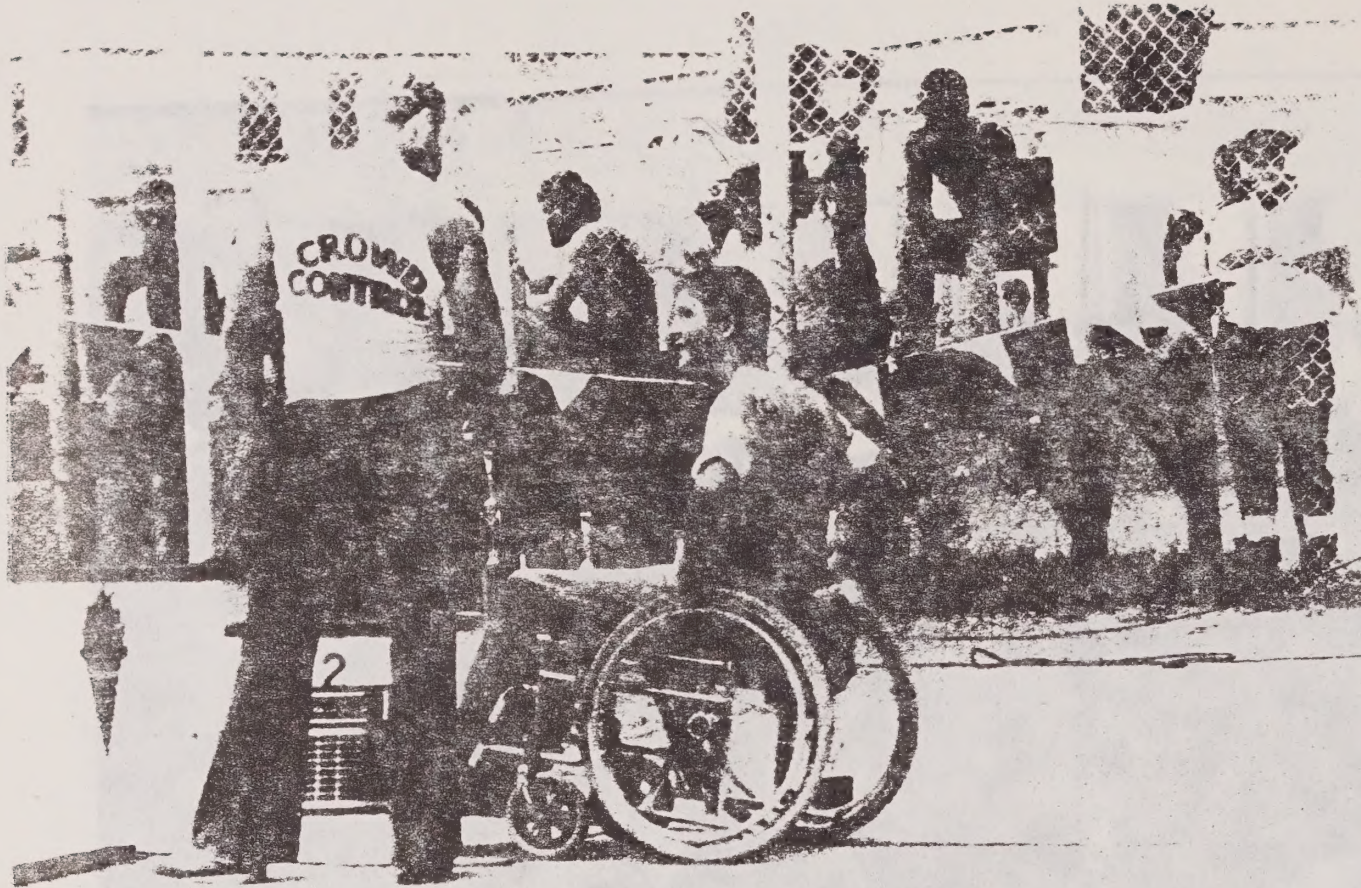
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